



CITY OF MORGAN HILL
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Draft
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
After Action
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 2001

Morgan Hill Civic Center
City Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
(408)779-7271

Senior Advisory Committee
Chair Joan Harkness
Vice-Chair Daniel Rhodes
Committee Member Doris Bateman
Committee Member Marilyn Gadway
Committee Member La Gina Metcalf
Committee Member Ken Tougas
Committee Member Jim Wright

Parks & Recreation Commissioner Craig van Keulen

2:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harkness

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Member Metcalf absent

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Member Wright led the pledge.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VERBAL REPORTS

YMCA SENIOR PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE

YMCA Senior Program Staff

Senior Awareness Day May 18 report provided. Mayor Kennedy attended and YMCA staff reported that the event went well but need to increase publicity and attendance.

Member Tougas commented: more publicity was needed

Afterwards more thank you's needed.

Publicity was poorly written in the paper

Non-profits not there were mentioned, those that were there were not mentioned.

Reminder to YMCA to write a thank you to the Mayor—he was disappointed that there was not more of a crowd.

Member Gadway remarked that a vision needs to be established that moves away from the focus of the current Senior Center to a larger concept. Possibly to address the needs of older adults 55 years of age and older.

Try to reach those who are thinking about retirement and showcase as this is what the community offers to you. Consider it an opportunity to reach those who don't participate now.

Member Bateman asked about the Happy Sounds Group Picture which has disappeared?

YMCA Director Nelson replied it had just been temporarily moved and will be re-hung. Nelson asked that if items like this are noted to please let her know so she can take action.

Sample of new layout of senior center newsletter was distributed. YMCA will be outsourcing the printing of the monthly newsletter. June 14 the YMCA will be coordinating a tree planting at 8:30a.m. Trees will be transplanted from Parks and Recreation Commissioner Wanda Puder's home to pots for seniors to care for and then eventually transplanted at locations to be determined. A walking class had only 1 participant at its first meeting so YMCA staff will be revisiting this. The first movie day had a communication issue with the scheduled timing and will be revisited. Member Bateman suggested that movies be played every Friday afternoon and that she can provide some.

A new custodial company has started and will be monitored for cleanliness and effectiveness. The YMCA is trying to determine the level of responsibility for the outside building area cleaning. Member Wright asked if there were boundaries for this issue with the City? City Staff will explore.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Vice-Chair Rhodes

Senior Advisory Committee objectives

Committee representation to Parks and Recreation Commission

YMCA Senior Services Program Proposal Funding Request

Vice-Chair Rhodes wanted to recognize Council Member Hedy Chang and thank her for her support and participating in the group visit to the Cupertino Senior Center.

Vice-Chair Rhodes noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission approved the Senior Committee Objectives as presented.

COA ADVISORY COMMISSION

Representative Tougas

Member Tougas commented on CA Senior Legislature AB33 Senior Center Bond, AB 50 Disaster Training, and AB 903 Medical Funding for transportation.

CAG MEETING REVIEW

Member Tougas

Emergency Response Systems with Care Call and Lifeline has 50 participants and are now combined

Morgan Hill Times printed an publication titled Senior Living recently and Member Tougas thought it should have included more information. Member Tougas will mark up the 5 different articles about seniors in Morgan Hill and present to the paper so they may update their records and information. He noted that the CAG description needs to be updated.

It was suggested that a sub-committee be set-up with YMCA, City to work with Member Tougas on updating information.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2001

Approved by consent.

BUSINESS

2. COMMUNITY RECREATION/SENIOR CENTER FACILITY **LEE STEINMETZ**

Recommended Action: Discuss the conceptual scope of the senior wing of the community recreation center located at the corner of Edmundson and Monterey.

Consultant Steinmetz stated that he was putting a presentation together for the Community Meeting scheduled for June 28 to include pictures of Cupertino Senior Center and would like to have representatives from the Senior Advisory Committee attend the June 28 community meeting. It will involve an interactive format. Flyers are to be distributed at the Senior Center about this community meeting. Other suggested places to pass out flyers: service clubs, downtown music series, farmer's market on Saturday, and through a senior mailing list.

Chair Harkness reminded everyone that senior social services carries a part as well? Nutrition, offices, medical services. COA, Catholic Charities and agencies using the facility need to get involved. It should include a resource component on the senior side.

Member Tougas: how about secondary use as a disaster center? Remember accommodation.

Chair Harkness: Surrounding area conducive to seniors? Keep in mind the park areas as part of the overall center.

Wright: Milpitas has room for 2 different purposes with a reading area/lounge area and a neutral zone/boundary line.

Public Works Deputy Director of Park Mori Struve commented on the publicity portion for this meeting and that the YAC group will be distributing flyers as well. He also presented the Community Recreation Center building timeline. He is working with Consultant Steinmetz to obtain pictures of Milpitas/Cupertino/Roseville centers. He also distributed staff report presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission at their May 15 meeting.

3. CUPERTINO SENIOR CENTER VISIT

Recommended Action: Discuss visit to Cupertino Senior Center on May 10.

Vice-Chair Rhodes reported on the group tour of May 10. In attendance was Chair Harkness, Vice-Chair Rhodes, Member Gadway, Recreation Manager Spier, YMCA Director Nelson (who kindly drove!) and Council Member Hedy Chang. The center recently opened and includes: computer room with MACs and Word Monitors, soundproof walls, livingroom experience, reception area, restroom for assistance use, kitchen with ADA accessibility and senior friendly; cooperation of parks with children's play area a distance away; extensive

travel program; individual office areas for conferences and meetings and a very organized volunteer program which operates as a club with members volunteering 4 hours monthly.

Funding? \$4.75 mil for facility. Staff will get more information on operations.
Noted lots of lights and windows.

Member Bateman asked to be excused from the meeting.

Vice-Chair Rhodes asked about medical assistant on board? First Aid station, meals, security, nice atmosphere should be included in future center plans.

YMCA Director Nelson noted that the membership program was about \$10 with about 2,000 members. Provides club cards, parking, and assists in tracking people.

4. DEVELOPING A SENIOR CENTER STRATEGIC PLAN

Recommended Action: Review attached report for discussion and possible incorporation with proposed senior facility; **discuss** bench marking/best practices concept.

Staff was asked to maintain a best practices list for reference in the building program.

5. OUTREACH EFFORTS

Recommended Action: Receive update from YMCA regarding representatives of the Mobile Home parks to attend Senior Advisory Committee Meetings.

YMCA Coordinator De Anda has been in contact and is trying to get representatives from Senior Housing units such as Mobile Home Estates, Woodland, Sycamore Glen.

YMCA Director Nelson announced that they would like to make the newsletter meaty and will need material by the 15th and target to have out by the 1st. Would like to receive articles from the Senior Advisory Committee.

Member Tougas asked about sign-ups for classes and minimal numbers to participate? There appears to be lots of emphasis on the nutrition program.

Guest writers in the future for the senior newsletter?

Member Gadway noted that the key is to provide an active senior program in Morgan Hill.

6. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR SELECTION

Recommended Action: Vice-Chair to move to Chair; nominations and selection of Vice-Chair to be completed.

Vice-Chair Rhodes accepted the position of Chair and Member Gadway will serve as Vice-Chair. Approved 5:0.

7. SENIOR CENTER SIGN DOWNTOWN

Recommended Action: Receive update from staff and provide direction if appropriate.

Item pending on downtown study being conducted through Community Development and the Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chair Rhodes would like to further discuss scheduling 2 meetings at the YMCA. First proposed meeting to be Sept. 4th lunch meeting at the YMCA. 11:45am will begin working lunch with 1:00p.m. meeting to discuss Senior Plans.

Suggestion box for the senior center. There is one at the YMCA main office but would like one at the Senior Center. Payment box?

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Senior Bond Act and legislative issues

Senior Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Sept. 4th at the Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT____to the next monthly meeting scheduled on Tuesday, July 10, 2001 at 2:00 p.m.
